

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the Scottish Christmas Walk Parade was started 35 years ago by the Campagna Center in partnership with the Saint Andrew's Society of Washington, D.C., and the City of Alexandria, to celebrate our City's Scottish heritage, our unique quality of life in Alexandria and the mission of the Campagna Center; and

WHEREAS, for 60 years, the Campagna Center has served children and strengthened families through caring for infants, preschoolers and latchkey children, tutoring underachievers, and offering volunteer opportunities for older persons. The Campagna Center is celebrating this important milestone by reaffirming both the intent and the spirit of Elizabeth Ann Campagna and early activists who, through their vision, created a safe haven in the Alexandria community where vulnerable families and children could flourish; and

WHEREAS, the Campagna Center's Early Head Start and Head Start Programs, in partnership with the City of Alexandria, supply a vital foundation of nutritional, educational, literacy and mental health services to over 300 low-income children to break the cycle of poverty and low self-esteem; and

WHEREAS, the dedicated staff of the Campagna Center influence the lives of 1,300 children each day, providing educational and developmental care through Campagna Kids, the 21st Century Community Learning Center, Building Better Futures; and

WHEREAS, through the Campagna Center, sharing a love for children and a love for reading, Wright to Read has forged a successful partnership of enthusiastic staff, caring volunteers and generous sponsors, each working to help build a better future for over 150 students every year who are reading below grade level; and

WHEREAS, the Campagna Center provides more than 700 older adults with meaningful volunteer opportunities to share their talents and skills to solve community problems through the Retired & Senior Volunteer Program; and

WHEREAS, the theme of the 35th Annual Scottish Christmas Walk is "More than a Weekend, an Alexandria Tradition"; and

WHEREAS, the following corporations are actively supporting the Campagna Center through their sponsorship of the 2005 Scottish Christmas Walk: Capital One, Altria Corporate Services, Capital Automotive REIT, 7-Eleven, PNC Bank, Sue and Marty Goodhart, Commerce Bank, Allen Corporation, Christine Garner with Weichert Realtors, Land, Clark, Carroll, Mendelson & Blair, SunTrust, BB&T Bank, Health Risk Partners, Dr. Kathleen Mullaney, Dr. John D. Kling II, National Beer Wholesalers Association, Mark Allen Real Estate Settlement Services, Bernstein Investment & Research Management, The Alexandria Gazette Packet and Connection Newspapers, Mount Vernon Voice, Potomac News and Comcast Cable.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, WILLIAM D. EUILLE, Mayor of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, and on behalf of the Alexandria City Council, do hereby proclaim December 3, 2005, as the:

**"35th ANNIVERSARY OF THE CAMPAGNA
CENTER'S SCOTTISH CHRISTMAS WALK"**

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Alexandria to be affixed this 22nd day of November 2005.

WILLIAM D. EUILLE **MAYOR**
On behalf of the City Council
of Alexandria, Virginia

ATTEST:

Jacqueline M. Henderson, CMC City Clerk